

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-231 (cancelled)

Claim 232 (currently amended). A composition comprising vitamins and minerals active ingredients combined in an intimate admixture with a suitable carrier, the active ingredients consisting of vitamins and minerals,

wherein the active ingredient vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B₁, Vitamin B₂, Vitamin B₆, Vitamin B₁₂, and niacin, and the active ingredient minerals include active and inactive minerals, including excipients, which comprise consist of calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said Vitamin A comprises is beta carotene,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in an the amount of 43 mg to 80 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in an the amount of 0.1 mg to 3.0 1 mg, and

wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 233 (currently amended). A composition comprising active ingredients vitamins and minerals combined in an intimate admixture with a suitable carrier, the active ingredients consisting of vitamins and minerals,

wherein said active ingredient vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, niacin, Vitamin B₁, Vitamin B₂, Vitamin B₆, Vitamin B₁₂, and said active ingredient minerals comprise consist of calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in an the amount of 43 mg to 80 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in an the amount of 0.1 mg to 3.0 1 mg,

wherein said Vitamin A comprises is beta carotene,

wherein said Vitamin B₁ comprises is thiamine mononitrate,

wherein said Vitamin B₆ comprises is pyridoxine,

wherein said niacin comprises niacinamide,
wherein said magnesium ~~comprises~~ is magnesium oxide,
wherein said zinc ~~comprises~~ is zinc oxide,
wherein said copper ~~comprises~~ is chelated copper, and
wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 234 (new) A composition comprising vitamins and minerals combined in an intimate admixture with a suitable carrier, wherein said vitamins comprise Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B₁, Vitamin B₂, Vitamin B₆, Vitamin B₁₂, niacin,
said minerals include active and inactive minerals, including excipients, which comprise calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,
wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg, and
wherein said composition is administrable to a patient.

Claim 235 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene.

Claim 236 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin D is cholecalciferol.

Claim 237 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin C-is ascorbic acid.

Claim 238 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B₁ is thiamine mononitrate.

Claim 239 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B₂ is riboflavin.

Claim 240 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B₆ is pyridoxine hydrochloride.

Claim 241 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B₁₂ is cyanocobalamin.

Claim 242 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said niacin is niacinamide.

Claim 243 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide.

Claim 244 (new) The composition of claim 234, wherein said zinc is zinc oxide.